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## Coffee County Lake closed for repairs and improvements

The Coffee County Lake is closed for repairs and improvements, according to a news release last week from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is partnering with the City of Elba and Coffee County regarding the operations of the Coffee County Public Fishing Lake. Operational changes and improvements are currently in progress; the lake will need to remain closed

for a time for these to be completed," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Commissioner. "The public fishing lakes program is a vital component in the department's drive to meet needs in communities throughout Alabama, and the Coffee County Public Fishing Lake is one of our most treasured community resources, so we're maximizing enhancements there and look forward to announcing the reopen date soon."

Alabama's State Public Fishing Lakes are located

throughout the state and are managed by the Fisheries Section of ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division for quality fishing for large-mouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish and crappie (in most lakes).

For more information about Dale, Geneva and Pike county public fishing lakes, including directions, visit [www.outdooralabama.com/where-fish-alabama-alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls](http://www.outdooralabama.com/where-fish-alabama-alabama-public-fishing-lakes-pfls) or contact the WFF Fisheries Section at (334) 242-3471.



Jason Farris and his son, Lucas, are shown at the Coffee County Lake in late July. They were enjoying a little fishing and a picnic at the lake with fellow church members on this particular Saturday. As of last week, the Coffee County Lake is closed for repairs and improvements, according to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

### Deputies arrest man for multiple counts of incest and sodomy

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested a Michigan man on incest and sodomy charges this week.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Jeremy Stiven, age 38, of St. Louis, Mich., was arrested Monday, Oct. 2, and placed in the jail at 11:42 p.m. His charges include five counts of incest [\$50,000 bond each], and five counts of sodomy – first degree [\$50,000 bond each].

Stiven remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this



Elba Police investigated a two-vehicle wreck that occurred Monday, Oct. 2, at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Whitman Street around the noon hour. The truck, shown above, hit the back of a small SUV that reportedly was attempting to make a turn onto Whitman Street from Claxton Avenue. No injuries were reported from this incident. No further details were available as of press time this week.

### Elba announces theme for this year's Christmas Parade

It may be hard to believe, but the Christmas season is right around the corner.

Announcing "A Hallmark Christmas" as the theme of the 2023 Elba Christmas Parade, the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Main Street is excited to spread all the Christmas cheer to Elba residents and visitors.

Scheduled for the first Monday in December, the parade will be December 4 at 6 p.m.

The parade will run its customary route from Windham Lumber company to Claxton Avenue, through

downtown around Court Square, then end up at Tiger Town Park.

"Having a theme has provided a great starting point for some winning entries, and everybody seems to enjoy it," said Sandy Williams, director, and event coordinator at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Come for a holly jolly good time and stay for the prizes. If you enter a float in the parade, prizes will be awarded for: Best Interpretation of Theme, Best Overall, and several Honorable Mention awards will be named as

well."

A prize will also be awarded to the Best Walking Group.

Individuals and groups wishing to participate can register by contacting the Chamber of Commerce now located in Court Square 345 Davis Street. There is no fee to enter the parade.

For more information on the Elba Christmas Parade, call the chamber office at (334) 897-3125, email [elbachamber@troycable.net](mailto:elbachamber@troycable.net), and be sure to check out the chamber's Facebook page.

### Mayor and city clerk resign in New Brockton

The mayor and city clerk have resigned in New Brockton, according to reports to The Elba Clipper.

It seems Mayor Ralph Medley and City Clerk Debra Andrews each turned in their resignations last week, effective for the end of September [Sept. 30, 2023]. Reportedly, Mayor Medley's resignation is due to health reasons while a reason for Andrews' resignation has not been reported.

Medley took over as Mayor of New Brockton on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> of this year. He was serving as a city council member prior to that date.

Medley was nominated and approved to serve as mayor fulfilling a vacancy created

by Kathy Holley, who resigned as New Brockton's elected mayor in December.

The municipal term Holley resigned from and Medley was appointed to serve [as Mayor] ends in 2025.

Now, the New Brockton Town Council will be tasked with filling the mayor's seat once again, and it also will be searching for the town's next city clerk.

Current council members include Ronald Terry, District One; Justin Flowers, District Two; Will Reeves, District Three; Todd Askins, District Four; and Shirley Eads, District Five.

No further details were available as of press time this week.



Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd is pictured above with several members of the Elba Lions Club. Last Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, Sheriff Byrd served as the guest speaker for the Elba Lions Club meeting, providing an informative update on county operations.



Five students were recognized Friday, Sept. 29, during the Elba Quarterback Club meeting. The students included (from left) football player Micah Russell (57), cheerleader A'Lyric Whitfield, football player Alvin Henderson (2), cheerleader Alyssa McFarland, and football player Jacob Watkins (6). Guest speaker for last week's Quarterback Club "Game Day" lunch meeting was Kevin Matthews. He was the quarterback on Elba's 1989 Class 3A State Championship Football Team, which was coached by Mack Wood. Matthews shared several stories from his time on the team and being coached by the legendary Wood. He also encouraged today's players to remain humble as they continue to work towards trying to win another state championship this year for Elba High School. The "Game Day" lunch meetings are held at the Elba Country Club at 11:30 a.m. during football season.

## Area Happenings

**The Elba Splash Pad will close** Monday, Oct. 9, for the off season.

**The Coffee County Conservation District will hold** its monthly board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Coffee County Commission Community Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. Meeting is limited on the number of people that can attend; therefore, if you plan to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3 to reserve a spot.

**The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 will host a Community Blood Drive** Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba. Look for the Life South Bloodmobile. Donors must be age 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show a photo ID. All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card. The blood drive will be in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge's car show that will be held on the square that day.

**The Elba Masonic Lodge 170 will host its 2nd Annual Wheels on the Square** car show on Saturday, Oct. 14, beginning at 8 a.m. The event will be held on the downtown square and will feature cars, trucks and motorcycles. There is a \$20 registration fee. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. that day. Trophy presentations will begin at 1:30 p.m.

### You're Invited

The Elba Public Library invites the community to a casual reception Thursday evening, Oct. 5, honoring the staff of The Elba Clipper. This is being held in conjunction with the 2023 National Newspaper Week, which is Oct. 1-7, 2023.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m. at the library, located on Simmons Street in downtown Elba.

This year marks the 83rd celebration of National Newspaper Week, a celebration of the newspaper industry in the United States.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."* – Albert Einstein.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy is facing an extraordinary referendum on his leadership of the House after Rep. Matt Gaetz, a longtime critic, moved to launch a vote to oust him from the helm. The charge . . . get ready for this shocking event . . . is that according to Gaetz "the Speaker talked with the Democrats." We can't help but wonder if maybe Gaetz is harboring some resentment of McCarthy from the uproar over the Gaetz activities in Florida. There were all sorts of accusations and talk of impeachment of this member of the House of Representatives, but we have not heard that mentioned in months. However, if the truth were known Gaetz has not forgotten it and is itching for revenge on . . . someone!

We did not listen to the Republican presidential candidate debate last week and apparently didn't miss much more than a shouting match. An interesting follow up to the debate was "who won". There were several opinions, which is normal. An amusing opinion from one person was that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was the absolute winner. The lone 'political expert' voicing that strong opinion was . . . Ron DeSantis! We got some twenty (20) plus e-mails from his campaign headquarters by daylight the next morning explaining just how great he had performed.

Former President Jimmy Carter turned 99 years old recently. In an interview on his 90th birthday, he said he had two goals left to work on - Middle East Peace and he wanted to outlive the last Guinea worm. Middle East Peace is so-so but the worm is a bit closer to his goal. The worm causes painful disease and even death in poor parts of the world. There were three million cases a year when he set out to eradicate the problem. This year there have been only five. Good job Mr. President. Now we think he should hang around a bit longer and tackle the attitudes of our lawmakers presently 'serving' in Washington. We really don't expect sudden miracles in this area, but any improvement would be a win for America!

"This entire fake impeachment inquiry (against President Biden) isn't about the United States. It's about Hunter Biden and the only thing the president can be guilty of here is being a father," said Rep. Max Frost (D-Fla.). You may be correct Rep. Frost but impeachment hearings are the "in thing" with Washington in this era. Folks don't get kicked out of office, but all one's enemys and other political 'want-a-be' leaders and/or power brokers get in their licks and bite sounds on TV.



**PILOT INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR...**  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise treasurer Jane Baxley (right) has been chosen by the membership to represent the club as the 2023 Pilot International Club Ambassador. LPCE President Debbie Shelton (left) presented her with a certificate designating her as the Ambassador for the club. She was selected for having an active assigned role in the club, for promoting and supporting Pilot International and its activities, for being active in a project that addresses one of Pilot International's core areas of service focus: Anchor Clubs (Youth Development and Leadership); Brain Safety and Fitness; and/or Caring for Families in Times of Need.

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**Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder**  
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Sister enjoys going to the local high school football games, but she does not like it when Cuzin Lou Lou and Papa – especially Papa – get "upset" with the officials. Such an occasion happened last Friday night when the Yonder gang ventured to a nearby city for the game.

Sister's displeasure of the "yelling at the refs" is heightened when it is an away game because often times the fans are sitting closer together than they are at home games.

On this particular night, Sister got caught having to sit in the middle of Papa and Lou Lou. There was a bit of displeasure with the officiating crew, and the fans for the good guys began letting the officials know it.

It didn't take long for Sister to tell Lou Lou to sit down and be quiet because she was only making Papa worse with his yelling.

"Just ignore him," was Lou Lou's suggestion.

Sister did not like that suggestion one bit!

Of course, things settled down soon enough, and Sister was able to return to her "people-watching" tasks, but she remained on edge just waiting for the next outbreak.

Lou Lou pondered a bit over how easily Sister gets embarrassed when it comes to yelling fans, and she decided this issue undoubtedly began years ago when Sister was just a child.

Lou Lou was in the marching band and Sister would ride to some away games with Papa, Mama and one of Papa's sisters and her husband. That sister, Aunt B, was a huge football fan.

Aunt B yelled a lot during the games - at the refs and for the good guys. Apparently, all this was more than little girl Sister could handle because it became a running joke within the family as Sister grew up that she always wanted to sit with Aunt B at the football games. Of course, Sister immediately would decline such an offer.

Years later, Lou Lou is convinced Sister reverts back to that little girl at the ballgames because it never fails that once Lou Lou and Papa get started – Sister is unhappy. Oh well...Sister has lived with it for decades. No need to make any changes now!!

Too bad Aunt B doesn't get to attend the games any longer due to her health...if she did, Sister could just sit with her!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

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## BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCT. 30

The annual meeting of the membership of South Alabama Electric Cooperative will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the SAEC Office Complex, 13192 U.S. Hwy 231, Troy, Alabama.

A business session will review the financial status of the cooperative. No goody bags, entertainment, food or door prizes will be available.

SAEC members should have already received their meeting packet in the mail. If you still haven't received your ballot, please contact SAEC at 334-566-2060.

## CASTING YOUR VOTE IS SIMPLE:

Review the candidate information and mark one choice for each district. Then, place your ballot in the mail. Allow plenty of time for your ballot to be received and counted. All mail-in ballots are due by noon on Oct. 30.

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Serenity South in Elba celebrated National Assisted Living Week

The residents and employees of the Serenity South assisted living facility, located in Elba, Ala., recently enjoyed celebrating National Assisted Living Week. Several special activities were planned throughout the week in which the residents participated. Above, several of the facility's current residents are pictured with Serenity South staff members. Serenity South is located on Taylor Mill Road in Elba.

**Notice of Meeting Cancellation:**  
The Monday, Oct. 9, Coffee County Commission meeting has been cancelled in observance of Columbus Day.

SE Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission receives Workforce Inclusion Grant

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission announced recently that it had been awarded a \$288,146 Workforce Inclusion grant from the Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. (Center).  
Almost 90 percent of this grant – originally from the U.S. Department of Labor – will provide temporary employment to no less than 52 low-income older Alabamians living in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston Counties. These older adults will participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a cornerstone program of the Older Americans Act and the only federal job training program targeted exclusively to low-income, older job seekers.  
In its 59th year, SCSEP promotes personal dignity and self-sufficiency through work. The training attained through SCSEP provides in-demand skills for older, unemployed, low-income Americans. The Center, a top-tier U.S. Department of Labor National Grantee of SCSEP, works through a network of local partners delivering career training programs for eligible 55-plus-year-old workers across the United States.  
To date, the Center has served more than 500,000 eligible older workers in permanent employment through

the SCSEP program.  
“Our long-term, local partners are key to the strength of the Center and provide the systems to train older Americans into a strategic advantage for employers across the country,” said Gary A. Officer, Center for Workforce Inclusion President and CEO. “We are very pleased to continue our support of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for the 49th consecutive year.”  
“SCSEP helps our community’s eligible 55+ job seekers learn new skills and refresh old ones when they are coming back into the workforce,” said Scott Farmer, executive director of Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.  
At their training sites, SCSEP job seekers help local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their mission, such as: the Wiregrass Area Foodbank; Wiregrass United Way; multiple Senior Centers in several counties; and Wiregrass 2-1-1.  
“Wiregrass 2-1-1 has been working with the Senior Employment Program for more than 15 years and I have been fortunate to see seniors thrive in this program,” said Marc Cronin, executive director of Wiregrass 2-1-1. “By working in the SCSEP program, our seniors have been able

RWCC meeting set for Oct. 18th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Oct. 18, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speakers will be Bryan Taylor, candidate for Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice, and Rich Anderson, candidate for Court of Criminal Appeals Judge.

Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional \$13 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required.  
Please contact Shannon to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or email: [rwccreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rwccreservations@gmail.com), and let her know if planning to eat.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe to host “Pow Wow” in late October

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will be conducting a Pow Wow on Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Grand entry will be at 10:30 a.m. each day. School day is Friday, the 27th. Admission is \$1.00 for all ages.

There will be demonstrators, vendors, food and fun. Also, there will be Candy Dance, and Dancer’s Luck of the Draw is \$2,000. The Ma-Chis Creek Indian Tribal Grounds are located at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, AL 36323.

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**BILLY MACK GIBBS**  
Mr. Billy Mack Gibbs, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, on Thursday, September 28, 2023.



Billy was born in Elba on March 19, 1944, to Douglas and Hazel Gibbs. He graduated from Elba City Schools, then served in the United States Air Force for four years. Billy dedicated 37 years to the oil field industry. Billy and his wife, Sara, were high school sweethearts and were married for 60 years.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 4, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Kim Dyess officiating. The family received friends at the cemetery from 3 p.m. until service time.

Hayes Funeral home of Elba directed the services. Billy is preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Hazel Gibbs, and his brother, James Robert Gibbs.

Survivors include his wife: Sara F. Gibbs, Elba; daughter: Deyon G. Brown (Keith), Bon Secour, Ala.; granddaughter: Lindsey Spicer (Hayes), Mobile, Ala.; grandson: Hayden Brown (Erin), Bon Secour; and two unborn great-grandsons, who Billy fondly nicknamed Mutt and Jeff; sisters: Mary Shiree,

Lawrenceville, Ga., and Sharon Letlow, Salem, Ala.; along with many nieces and nephews, and Bobby G - his beloved cat.

HILDA FREE

Mrs. Hilda Free, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at her residence in Elba.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at 2 p.m., from Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial will follow in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Visitation will be at Ino Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Hilda was preceded in death by her parents, Johnson and Vivian Burch Milligan; husband, Rudolph Free; sister, Lynn Scott; and brother, Marcus Milligan.

Survivors include her sons: Brian (Heather) Free, Jason (Katie) Free, and Rudy (LeeAnne) Free, all of Elba; grandsons: B J (Adrianna) Free, Matthew Free, John Free, David Free, Marcus Free, and Sam Free, all of Elba; granddaughters - Chanlyn Free, and Lynlee Free, both of Elba; great-grandson: Wyatt Free, Elba; and sisters: Pat Worthy, Boaz, Ala., and Cleo (Jim) Shroeder, Austin, Texas.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) provides advisory and financial assistance to members and surviving spouses, children, and dependents.

**Life and Accident Insurance.** The VFW provides free, member-only limited accidental death benefits. The amount of coverage varies based on the type of injury and the age of the deceased member with a maximum benefit of \$1,000. If the member's death results from an accident while traveling as a fare-paying member in a commercial vehicle an additional payment of \$1,500 may be available. In the event of a member's death, the benefit typically goes to a spouse or surviving dependent. The VFW also offers members competitive rates on additional life insurance, typically with no medical exams or health questions asked. Additionally, all veterans are eligible to enroll in the US Department of Veterans Affairs Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance policy.

**Burial Planning.** While all members of the US Armed Forces are eligible for burial at a national cemetery, the VFW provides special planning services to members. The VFW helps members obtain benefits such as a presidential certificate, American flag, perpetual care, and an official US Armed Forces headstone. Many of these services must be requested in advance, and the VFW can help file the necessary paperwork. The VFW can also help surviving family members receive benefits if they are eligible.

**Benefit Assistance.** The VA system can be difficult to navigate, so the VFW provides services to support members and surviving family members. The VFW can help veterans and families file forms and determine which financial benefits spouses and dependents are eligible for. In the event that a benefit claim is denied, the VFW provides free administrative assistance to members.

**Appeal Assistance.** The VFW can also request appeal hearings with the VA and the Board of Veterans Appeals. VFW service officers are familiar with current legislation and can help survivors file government forms and appeal death benefits for which they are eligible.

If you are an eligible military service veteran and not currently a VFW member, you can join by visiting [vfw.org/join](http://vfw.org/join) today.

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# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Westside Baptist Church

### Who do you go for?

Growing up in the state of Alabama you are forced to make a choice, and somewhere between conception and your first dirty diaper the choice has already been made for you. This decision determines friends, enemies, and anyone in between. The choice is simply "who do you go for?"

There are two major universities in Alabama. You must swear your allegiance to one or the other. Those who don't do this are labeled "fence riders" or "just plain chicken." These two all-important schools are The University of Alabama and Auburn University. Even if you attend another smaller school in Alabama, it is still required that you are either a "Bama" fan or an Auburn fan.

The reason for this strange tradition is college football. For 365 days a year the Alabama/Auburn or Auburn/Alabama (depending on who you are for) game is talked about. Friendships have been ended and divorces have been filed as a result of this game. It's just that important, or at least people think it is.

My family was no exception. We pledged our devotion wholeheartedly to Alabama. My dad went to medical school at the University of Alabama in Birmingham when they were very closely affiliated. He also worked at Alabama as the head of the Russell Health Center after I grew up. Most people didn't need a good reason, but we did have an excuse.

Saturdays in the fall in my house revolved around Alabama football. We were either getting ready to go to the game, to watch it on television, or to listen to it on the radio. That was just what we did on Saturdays. No matter what else was going on, everything stopped at game time. The rest of the week was spent talking about the outcome of the game and what would happen when they played Auburn in the last game of the year.

When the big game finally arrived, it was like a holiday. People planned parties, dressed in their teams' colors, and even put decorations on their cars and mailboxes. My dad swore that if anybody did anything other than watch the Alabama/Auburn game they must be a communist. Until I was in middle school, I didn't even realize that anything else was aired on television on the day of the "big game."

I remember one year in particular. We were watching the game and Dad got so tense that he actually vomited. I'll never forget my mother looking at dad and telling him that if a game was worth getting that worked up over, then he could clean it up himself. He did!

We all get carried away with things that, in the end, just aren't worth getting worked up over. Most of our days are spent worrying about things that really are out of our control. Ultimately, we do have to answer the question, "who do you go for?" However, it's not about college football; it's about something far more important than that. Joshua put it this way to the children of Israel; "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." (Josh. 24:15). He was basically saying, "Who do you go for?"

Who do you go for? To whom will you pledge your allegiance? Whether we like it or not, we will all have to make that choice. "...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24: 15).

## Whitewater Baptist Church to hold Homecoming Services this Sunday

Whitewater Baptist Church, located at 4301 Hwy. 125, Elba, Ala., will celebrate Homecoming this Sunday, Oct. 8, with services beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The guest speaker/musician will be Nick Akin from Atlanta, Ga. A covered dish luncheon will follow the worship service in the fellowship hall.

All members (past and present) along with friends are invited to attend the Homecoming services.

## Gospel Singing set for Oct. 13th at Jack Assembly of God church

The Lighthouse Gospel Singers will be in concert at Jack Assembly of God on Friday evening, Oct. 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 2200 County Road 208.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

All are invited.

## Enterprise, Alabama Aglow Community Lighthouse to meet Saturday, Oct. 21st

Enterprise, Alabama's Aglow Community Lighthouse will meet Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. at The Gathering Room, 217 South Main St., Enterprise.

Guest speaker will be Victoria Werneth from Mobile, Ala.

For more information call 334 406-9683.

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Scripture: A Plea for Justice - Psalm 82-1-8

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Evelyn B Manning, Pastor A.R. Williams, Ronald Hill, Rev Fred/Annie Flowers, Families of the late: Tommy Burks, The Belcher/Wilds families, Beatrice Belcher, Cynethia Belcher-Ellis

### October Birthdays

Lynsey Fayth Manning 10/2  
Isaiah Tate Kelley 10/3  
Samella T. Edwards 10/3  
Perry Stinson Jr. 10/4  
Carolyn Smith Flowers 10/5  
Zena Cole 10/7  
Effie Johnson 10/10

### Forgiven And Free

We're married in God's eyes." That was the line Donna's boyfriend used to connive her to have intimate relations with him. Then Donna got pregnant, and everything changed. Donna's father was a well-known business-man and a leader in their church. In his mind news of Donna's out-of-wedlock pregnancy would damage his business and tarnish his reputation in the church. So, at the insistence of her parents and in spite of her own better instincts, Donna got an abortion. Years later Donna found herself involved in a program called "Forgiven and Set Free". As she moved through the healing and grieving process, she gave the name Doug to the little boy she never held, and

she wrote a loving letter to him. She then held a small memorial service for her baby and put up a figurine to remind her of his presence in Heaven. Donna eventually co-authored a book on abortion recovery to help other young women who had made the same regrettable decision as she had. As Donna explains, "Our prayer is that younger women will find healing so they can become the women God desires of them". Isaiah tells us the Messiah will swallow up death and wipe away the tears of those who have borne rebuke. God calls us to show compassion to the spiritually injured (compare 2 Corinthians 2:6-8 following 1 Corinthians 5: 11-13); doing so will keep us from "shooting the wounded" regarding our fellow Christians. We can and should help wipe away tears in the here and now even as we anticipate the day when God dries the tears off His people for all eternity - D.C.S.

### Questions / Answers Section

Q/A for the Week of 10/5/23  
**Multiple Choice**

Q: We are to do good to all when we have what? (enough rest, opportunity, money).

A: Opportunity - Galatians 6:10

Q: How had the Galatians received Paul? (as a Prophet, as a Rabbi, as an angel)

A: Angel - Galatians 4:14

Q: The Lord is to be worshipped in the beauty of what? (holiness, awe, spirit)

A: holiness - Psalm 96:9

### Thought to Remember

As Jesus learned from suffering, so may we.

Questions for the week of 10-12-23

### True or False

Q: When the Angel first spoke to Mary, her reaction was one of great joy.

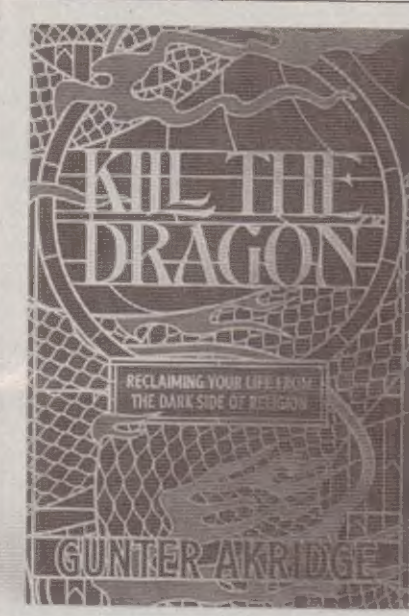
Q: When sea creatures die, they return to dust.

Q: Witchcraft is a work of the flesh

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

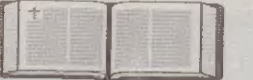
**BETHANY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
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Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



**COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Philip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -  
KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATHER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC**  
Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT  
CHURCH**  
Heath Fountain, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Ed Russell, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Allen Dieas, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT  
CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRaise & GLORY  
WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.  
CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kerry Saxon, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Leon Fortune, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

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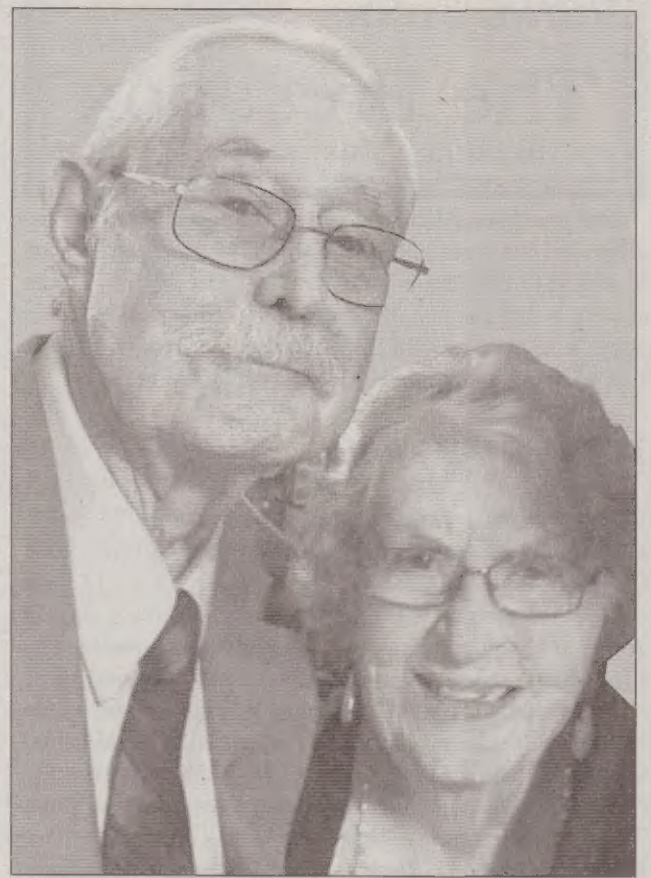
### Jim and Nell Gilmer celebrate 70th anniversary

James Emory (Jim) and Mary Nell Wilson were married Oct. 3, 1953, in Greenville, SC. Nell was a sophomore at Troy State College when she met Jim on a blind date. He was stationed at Camp Rucker. Five months after she met him, they went to Greenville, SC and got married by the Probate Judge.

In 1954 they were sent to Wurzburg, Germany, and to Ft Riley, KS in 1955. After his military discharge in 1957, Jim graduated in 1959 from Southern Technical Institute, (an extension of Ga Tech), in Chamblee, GA. He spent his career in Apparel Manufacturing Management. In 1976, Nell graduated from Texas A&amp;M at Commerce with a degree in Home Economics. She was a stay-at-home mom although she had several part-time jobs.

They have four children including Ronnie, John Randall (deceased), James Jr (deceased) and Bill. They also have five granddaughters, two great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

Jim graduated from Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, NC in 1952 and Nell is a 1952 Elba High School graduate. Nell grew



Jim and Nell Gilmer

up in Curtis community and that's where they retired to in 1996, to the family farm. In 2003 they moved to Elba where they now live. During Jim's military service and

Apparel Manufacturing career, they have lived in Germany, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kansas, Texas, and Minnesota. Nell was the oldest of seven children of Lawrence and Ruth Wilson. They include Christine, Susan (deceased), Perry, Judy, Alice and Carolyn.

**The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held its first regular meeting of the month** Monday, Oct. 2nd. Brothers Steve Dewberry and Shane Goude prepared a delicious gumbo meal for the brethren. After the meal, Brother William Earl Moore was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. This was a special night for Brother Will Moore as his father, Mac Moore, was able to be in attendance. Mac also is a Master Mason. The meeting was a great way to kick off a busy month for the Elba Masonic Lodge!

### Elba's Class of 1978 planning 45th Class Reunion

The Elba High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 45th class reunion during Homecoming festivities at Elba High School October 27-28, 2023.

Several local classmates are planning the activities for the weekend celebration. Help is needed to find classmates and

friends of the class of 1978. you can help us to locate any of our classmates

Extra efforts are being made to include those who did not actually graduate with the class but who attended Elba High School during this time. If please contact Gypsy Morrow Smith (334-222-8220-days only), Melanie Rainer Bledsoe (334-300-8482), or Lynn Hudson Baker (334-301-6594).

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandsons Lawson and Cannon got together one afternoon last week and it was all out war as Lawson tried to defend himself from a non-stop attack from his younger cousin. While Cannon did win the battle, his parents got in a few licks in defense of Lawson and I'm sure it will be the first of many upcoming battles in years to come.

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers scored a season high 57 points Friday night in a surprising 57-20 romp past 3A Providence Christian. The Tigers owned a hard-earned 23-13 lead early in the second quarter, but scored the game's next 34 points to blow the game open and remain undefeated. The Elba offense scored three touchdowns on the ground, three more through the air and returned a kick for a score, while the defense added a touchdown on a pass interception and two points with a safety as the Tigers just kept on scoring in the fourth meeting ever between the two teams to go up 3-1 in the short series. The Elba offense did commit two fumbles that killed potential scoring drives and the defense did give up some yardage on the ground. However, it was a team win on the road and I think the entire team grew up a little in logging win number five.

\*\*\* It was another so-so week for the teams in the area as Zion Chapel was the only team to claim a win. Here's a quick look back....

\*\* Zion Chapel made it look easy as the Rebels jumped ahead early and coasted in with a 39-6 win over Pleasant Home. The Rebels were expected to dominate against their 1A opponents and did just that as they took another step in the right direction with a return to region play coming up this week.

\*\* Kinston never really had a chance against the very talented Goshen Eagles and dropped a 41-7 homecoming clash. The homecoming game appeared to be a possible blowout ever since the schedule was released and it lived up to its expectations. Kinston never quit and battled until the final horn, but was simply outmatched.

\*\* Brantley saw its record drop to 3-3 with a 46-0 loss to Highland Home and for the first time in years failed to win a game against its two cross-county rivals. The Bulldogs battled hard in the first half and never stopped battling, but this year the team from up the road was just too strong and it was just another tough lesson to be learned for the Bulldogs.

\*\*\* It was another wild week across the state in all seven classes with a number of ranked teams in the smaller classes knocking off much larger opponents. Ten teams put sixty or more points on the scoreboard last week, with the wildest game being Westminster Christian's 71-54 win over Central Florence, followed closely by Cherokee's 70-28 win over Tharptown and Saraland's 70-20 win over Foley. Huffman saw its misery continue in a 62-0 loss to Hewitt-Trussville and has now been outscored 321-0 in six losses, and Hoover fell to 1-5 for the first time since 1994 with a 34-24 loss to Mt. Brook. Here is a quick look back at the week that was....

Class 1A - Top-ranked Leroy dumped 2A St. Luke 42-10, #2 Elba clobbered 3A Providence Christian 57-20 and #4 Millry defeated 2A Clarke County 28-14, while Coosa Christian lost four games in one day when the AHSAA forced the private school to forfeit all four wins due to an ineligible player. Closer to home, Georgiana had no problem with lowly J.F. Shields 54-0, Florala struggled a bit in a 20-8 win over Samson, Houston County eased past Graceville 14-8 and Red Level was flattened by Bullock County 46-12.

Class 2A - Top-ranked B.B. Comer spanked 3A Saks 42-6, #2 Highland Home dominated Brantley 46-0, #3 Pisgah outscored 3A Sylvania 40-34 and #5 Reeltown rolled over 4A Cleburne County 68-3, while closer to home Luverne remained unbeaten with an easy 42-6 win over Calhoun, G.W. Long embarrassed 4A Dale County 62-25, and Pike Lib picked up win #1 with an impressive 31-8 win over Notasulga.

Class 3A - Top-ranked Mars Hill got past 5A Russellville 27-24, while #2 Mobile Christian strolled past 4A Orange Beach 39-7. Closer to home, Houston Academy kept on rolling with a big 49-0 romp over Abbeville, Straughn suffered its first loss of the season with a 34-21 loss to 2A Ariton, Daleville had an easy time getting past Barbour County 38-8, and Opp was outscored by 5A Rehobeth 39-20.

Class 4A - Top-ranked Andalusia had to fight for all four quarters in a 27-10 win over Bibb County, while #2 Cherokee County kept pace with a 56-10 win over Munford, and #3 Catholic blanked Demopolis 42-0. Closer to home, Ashford slipped past Slocomb 14-12 and Geneva beat up on Geneva County 49-8.

Class 5A - Top-ranked Ramsay battle hard in a 13-7 loss to 7A power Auburn, while #2 Gulf Shores coasted past 6A Murphy 37-14 and #8 Charles Henderson was too much for 3A Saint James in a 36-13 win. Closer to home, Headland was awarded a forfeit win over Pike County after a fight on the field apparently left the Bulldogs with not enough players to continue the game.

Class 6A - Top-ranked Saraland continued to punish any and all challengers with a 70-20 romp past Foley, while #2 Clay-Chalkville stunned 7A champ Thompson 36-33 in a nationwide TV broadcast.

Class 7A - Top-ranked Thompson was knocked off by 6A power Clay-Chalkville 36-33, while #2 Auburn had its hand full in a narrow 13-7 win over 5A Ramsay and #7 Dothan kept on taking names in a 35-14 win over #3 Baker.

\*\*\* It was a pretty good week for the college teams in the state with Alabama disposing of Mississippi State 40-17, Auburn letting a huge upset slip away in a 27-20 loss to Georgia and Troy rallying from a 7-6 halftime deficit to knock off previously unbeaten Georgia State 28-7. \* Alabama was simply better and more talented than Mississippi State and because of that the Tide posted the win. I still think the offense is limited in what it can do, and know for a fact that field goals won't get it done against better opponents. \* Auburn fans won't admit it, but its loss to Georgia was a moral victory for a Tiger team looking to bounce back and regain its respect in the conference. Maybe during the bye week Coach High Freeze will finally get back to calling plays on offense, which I think is a step that must happen if Auburn is going to take the next step forward. \* Troy continued to prove late Saturday afternoon that the Trojans are indeed 'for real' with a big 28-7 road win over conference foe Georgia State. The Trojans trailed 7-6 at the half, but dominated the final two quarters behind a solid offense and an aggressive defense and were easily the best team on the field. And, Gunnar Watson may very well be the best quarterback in the state among colleges, of any size!

\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator actually dropped by over the weekend, and while he did enjoy another solid week with a 22-4, I had to give him a hard time about one he missed. The local guesspert picked Dale County to upset G.W. Long by two points, but the Rebels wouldn't have any of that and rolled to a 62-25 win. That's a 39-point miss! Anyway, he did leave this week's picks and here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. RED LEVEL

The Pea River felines will head deep in the woods of Covington County this weekend looking for a big region road win, and while life on the road can be tough at times, the felines appear to be solid favorites and should make it back to the river without too much fur

missing after a Friday night catfight.  
ELBA 40 RED LEVEL 14

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The bulldogs from down near the county line will hit the road looking for a much needed region win and hope to get in a little bird hunting along the way. The dogs may not get to eat much on the ride over to the game, but should be full after the final horn sounds after feasting on the birds that make their nest pleasant for all guests.  
KINSTON 33 PLEASANT HOME 12

ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be looking to ambush an army of football vets that reside near the Dale County line and have their muskets loaded and ready. While last week's big win will no doubt give the troops a shot of confidence, this is a new week and the guess here is that they will fall short in their plans.  
G.W. LONG 34 ZION CHAPEL 18

NEW BROCKTON VS. PIKE COUNTY

The roosters from over behind the warehouse enjoyed their week off and can already be heard crowing as they get ready to head up the road for a big region match-up against a pack of dogs that made the headlines for all the wrong reasons a week ago. If they let all the dogs out of the pound this one could get ugly, but the guess here is that the roosters will still be crowing late Friday night.  
NEW BROCKTON 21 PIKE COUNTY 18

BRANTLEY VS. GEORGIANA

The bulldogs from up across the creek got roughed up again last week and have been kept off the scoreboard twice in just three weeks. If the dogs can find their way to the endzone they may a solid shot at pulling off the mild upset over a litter of fast and hungry kitties, but the guess here is that while they will score, they won't score enough to take home a win.  
GEORGIANA 26 BRANTLEY 22

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Central PC 31 Dothan 28  
Auburn 21 Opelika 17  
Enterprise 38 Prattville 10

Tigers expect cat fight in Red Level

The Elba Tigers will close out a four-game road swing Friday night when they travel to Red Level to tangle with the Red Level Tigers, in an important region match-up.

Elba owns a 6-1 edge in the brief series, has won the last six meetings and last season posted a 42-6 win, at Elba.

"Red Level has a solid football team on both sides of the ball and will definitely get after us Friday night," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "They will come into the game looking to keep their playoffs hopes alive and will play their best in all areas. There is something about playing on your home field that is special, and we know Red Level will play as hard as it can on every snap."

Red Level will bring a 1-4 record into the clash with a win over Pleasant Home 25-0 and losses to Florala 48-13, Houston County 40-35, McKenzie 40-19 and Bullock County 46-12.

"Red Level is a rural school with a lot of players that grew up playing football together and have a coaching staff that also has a lot of pride in the school and in the football team," added Sieving, "and we will have to show up ready to play and play hard on every play. On offense we will need to establish the run, which makes the passing game more effective, and we can't turn the ball over. Over on defense we will have to be alert for anything possible, because they have nothing to lose and will be looking for big plays. Last week, Providence Christian ran the play clock under ten seconds on every snap to try and limit our touches on offense, and that puts pressure on our defense to get off the field and make stops."

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) looks for room to run as Tiger teammates Jamal Siler (64) and Ty Sieving (5) provide an escort. Henderson rushed for 283 yards and 3 touchdowns, threw a 27-yard touchdown pass and returned a kick 57 yards for a touchdown in last week's 57-20 road win over Providence Christian.

Tigers pound Providence 57-20

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers rushed for three touchdowns, passed for three touchdowns, returned a kickoff for a touchdown, returned an interception for a touchdown and added a safety for good measure to roll over the Providence Christian Eagles 57-20, Friday night in Dothan.

Elba received the opening kickoff and marched 83 yards in six plays to grab an early lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 33 yards on four carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while the score came when Cayden Adkins pulled in a Brayden Johnson pass with one hand and rambled down the sidelines 43 yards for the first touchdown of the night. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point as Elba moved on top 7-0 with 8:10 remaining in the first quarter.

Providence Christian went to the air on its initial play from scrimmage and while the pass did result in a touchdown, it was the Tigers that cashed in when Ty Sieving stepped in front of an Eagle receiver and raced 41 yards for another Tiger touchdown. Wisecup added the extra-point and with 7:53 left in the quarter Elba's lead was up to 14-0.

Providence Christian began its next possession at midfield and went 50 yards in only three plays to dent the Elba lead. Kyser Sims got the call on all three plays and scored on a 39-yard gallop, while Layton Hagler added the extra-point as the Eagles pulled within 14-7 with 7:01 left in the quarter.

Elba fumbled away a scoring opportunity at the Providence Christian 2-yardline on its ensuing possession. However, the Tigers Brayden Johnson stood up the Eagle runner behind the goal line and Cayden Adkins finished him off in the endzone on the game's next play to push Elba's lead to 16-7 with 3:42 remaining in the quarter.

The ensuing Providence Christian free kick sailed high to Cameron Gray near the Eagle sidelines and Gray tossed the ball back to Alvin Henderson, who raced untouched down the sidelines and then cut back across the field on 57-yard kick return for a score. Alex Wisecup's extra-point was true, as the Tigers lead grew to 23-7 with 3:30 still left in the wild opening quarter.



Elba Marching Tiger band member performs at halftime at last week's football game in Dothan.

Providence Christian was down big early, but bounced right back to cut into the Elba advantage as the Eagles went 56 yards in 11 plays to reach the endzone. The score came on a 10-yard run by Grant Baker, and while the extra-point attempt failed, Elba's lead was down to 23-13 with 8:25 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba took the ensuing kickoff and went 81 yards in seven plays to regain command. Alvin Henderson rushed for 49 yards on three carries and Cayden Adkins added 22 yards in three carries to lead Elba down the field, while the score came when Henderson pulled up on a sweep and lofted a 27-yard touchdown toss to Brady Johnson. Wisecup's extra-point was good, and with 5:23 remaining in the half Elba was on top 30-13.

Elba regained possession at the Providence Christian 12-yardline after a fourth down gamble by the Eagles, and from there the Tigers needed only one play to score as Alvin Henderson burst through a hole in the middle and raced into the endzone. The extra-point sailed wide, but with 2:49 left in the half Elba was in command with a 36-13 win.

Elba turned back a Providence Christian scoring threat late in the half at the Elba 18-yardline with 18-seconds left on the clock, and shocked the Eagles when on the final play of the half Brayden Johnson pulled in a high snap, avoided a pass rush and lofted a pass to a wide open Jacob Watkins, who rambled untouched 62 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Wisecup kicked the extra-point and at halftime Elba left the field with a big 43-13 lead.

Elba began its initial possession of the third quarter at its own 41-yardline after defensive stop and needed only three plays to get back into the endzone, with the score coming on a 40-yard dash by Alvin Henderson. Wisecup tacked on the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 50-13 with 7:22 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers final score of the night came after another defensive stop at the Elba 3-yardline, and once again it was Alvin Henderson who did the honors, this time on a 97-yard sprint up the middle of the field. Wisecup again added the extra-point as Elba's lead ballooned to 57-13 with 10:42 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Providence Christian drove 65 yards in nine plays on its final possession and scored on an 11-yard pass from Craig Pittman to Chapel Stickler, and the extra-point by Layton Hagler. However, it was way too little, way too late as at the final horn the Tigers left with a 57-20 road win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 283 yards and 3 touchdowns on 14 carries, completed a halfback pass for 27 yards and a touchdown and returned a kick 57 yards for a touchdown to spark the Elba offensive explosion, while Brayden Johnson completed 4 of 4 passes for 127 yards and 2 scores, and Cayden Adkins rushed for 93 yards on six carries and caught two passes for 56 yards and a touchdown. Jacob Watkins added one catch for 62 yards and one td, and Brady Johnson had two catches for 36 yards and one td.

Kyser Sims rushed for 77 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries and Grant Baker added 64 yards and one td on nine carries to lead Providence Christian.

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Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) pushes a would be Providence Christian tackler to the ground and eyes the endzone on a 43-yard touchdown reception in last week's 57-20 win over Providence Christian.



Elba Tiger Ty Sieving (5) is off and running on a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown in last week's 57-20 win over Providence Christian.



Elba Tiger Brady Johnson (15) pulls in a 27-yard touchdown pass in last week's 57-20 win over Providence Christian. The Tigers will return to region action Friday night with a road test at Red Level.

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## SPORTS NEWS



**WEARY WINNERS...** Zion Chapel Rebels William Sikes (26), Peyton Davis (50) and John Nugent (62) join in on the singing of the Alma Mater after last week's win.

## Rebels net Eagles 39-6 to even record at 3-3

From combined reports  
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels evened their record at 3-3 Friday night with a dominating 39-6 road win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Mason Stuart rushed for four touchdowns and passed for another to spark the Rebels offensive explosion, while Micah Fuller added a rushing touchdown and Kavan Brown pulled in the td toss.

## Kinston Bulldogs caged by Goshen Eagles 41-7

Statistics by W.J. Adcock  
Photo by BC Sports Photography

The Kinston Bulldogs enjoyed a day filled with homecoming festivities Friday at Kinston High School and all across town, but unfortunately saw the festivities come to an abrupt end when the party reached Bulldog Stadium as the Goshen Eagles raced out to an early 20-0 lead and never looked back to hand the Bulldogs a 41-7 homefield loss.

Goshen's Jamari McClure scored two touchdowns in the first five minutes of the game and Zion Picatoste added a pair of extra-points to put the Eagles on top 14-0, and the lead grew to 20-0 with 18-seconds left in the quarter on a 20-yard gallop by Jayden McNabb.

Kinston brought the crowd to its feet on the first snap after the third Goshen score when Bulldog Colby Tew broke loose and raced 90 yards for a touchdown, and after Marcus Free kicked the extra-point the Bulldogs had cut the deficit to 20-7.

Goshen had a quick answer for the Kinston score as on its next play from scrimmage Jamari McClure got loose and scored on a 58-yard sprint, and the Eagles added to their lead on their next possession on a 78-yard gallop by Szemerick Andrews to take a 34-7 advantage with 9:45 remaining in the second quarter.

Goshen's Tyler McLendon returned a pass interception 85 yards for the final Eagle touchdown of the night, as the second half consisted of two eight-minute quarters, and at the final horn it was the Eagles that were doing the celebrating after posting the big 41-7 win over the Bulldogs.

Colby Tew rushed for 147 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries to lead Kinston, while Brodie Walker added 27 yards rushing on nine carries and Brant McCollough rushed for 17 yards on seven carries and completed 1 of 8 passes for 14 yards.

Jamari McClure rushed for 117 yards and three touchdowns on three carries to spark Goshen, while Szemerick Andrews added 80 yards and one td rushing on two carries. Jayden McNabb rushed for 27 yards and one td on three carries and completed 4 of 4 passes for 78 yards.



Kinston Bulldog Marcus Free (56) hunts someone to hit in recent football action.



Zion Chapel cheerleaders had an easy time keeping the fans excited in last week's 39-6 road win over Pleasant Home.



Kinston Bulldog Brant McCollough (12) throws a pass in early-season football action.

## Brantley ripped in 46-0 loss to Highland Home

Statistics from MaxPreps  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Brantley Bulldogs managed only 52 yards in total offense last Thursday night in a 46-0 non-region loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

Jon Harper Kilcrease completed 8 of 15 passes with one interception to lead the Bulldogs, while Trey Pittman rushed for 16 yards on 4 carries and pulled in three passes for 10 yards.

The Brantley defense was sparked by Jon Harper Kilcrease with 6 tackles and 1 assist, while Andre Wright added 2 tackles and 2 assists, and Tyson Grant and Kendrick Welch both added 3 tackles and 1 assist.

The loss left the Bulldogs with a 3-3 record, 3-1 in region play, and this week



Brantley Bulldog Richard Williamson (3) waits for play to resume after a break in the action in recent high school football action.

they will meet Georgiana in a key region match-up.

## Area teams get back into region play as regular season action heats up

The high school football season continues this week with a return to region action for all teams in the area.

Following is a preview of this week's area games:

### New Brockton at Pike County

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak and keep its slim playoff hopes alive Friday night when they travel to Brundidge for a key region clash with the Pike County Bulldogs.

Pike County leads the short series 1-0 and last season posted a 38-0 win, at New Brockton.

The Gamecocks have struggled on offense this season and have scored only 53 points in five games, while allowing 155 points on defense. The Bulldogs will carry a 2-2 region record into the contest and need a win to improve its place in the region standings.

### Zion Chapel at G.W. Long

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to even their region record Thursday night when they make the trip to Skipperville to battle the region leading G.W. Long Rebels.

G.W. Long owns a 29-0 series edge, has won the last 14 games on the field, bracketed around a forfeit, and in the past four seasons has outscored Zion Chapel 202-7.

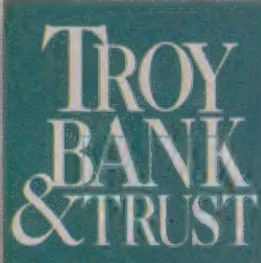
Zion Chapel will carry a 1-2 region record into the clash and need a win to keep their playoff hopes alive, while G.W. Long owns a 3-0 region slate and is tied atop the standings along with Cottonwood.

### Kinston at Pleasant Home

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to claim a region road win and keep alive its slim playoff hopes Thursday night when they hit the road for a big match-up against the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Kinston owns a slim 12-11 series edge over the Eagles, has won four of the last five meetings and last season posted a 47-13 win.

Kinston will bring an 0-3 region record into the road battle with all three losses coming to the top three teams in the region standings (Elba, Georgiana and Brantley), but still have playoff hopes entering the second half of the season. Pleasant Home will also bring an 0-3 region record into the clash and in the three losses were outscored by a combined score of 139-13.



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Troy Bank & Trust has had a long-standing commitment to Elba beginning with our relationship with Peoples Bank, which began in 1997 with our acquisition of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

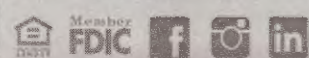
In an effort to improve our service to the people of Elba and our customers, we are renovating the Elba office. The result we hope will be a more functional facility that will allow us to improve our customer service and continue efficiently providing our customers with the best possible products and services. The renovations are estimated to take about four months to complete. *During construction the lobby will remain open for full service. Some drive through closings will be necessary.*

Currently Troy Bank & Trust, organized September 5, 1906, is fourteen branches strong with \$1.5 billion in total assets. Troy Bank & Trust continues to work each day to be "the only bank you'll ever need!". *Unlike other banks, we can never be sold and will always remain a community oriented bank.*

We have an experienced team of professionals located in the Elba Branch to serve your financial needs. Troy Bank is committed to Elba and the surrounding community and greatly appreciates your business. We are here for you. Please call on us!

Sincerely,  
**TROY BANK AND TRUST**  
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